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C.M.P.No.576 of 2026 in
W.A.Sr.No.214166 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12.03.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R. SURESH KUMAR
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N. SENTHILKUMAR

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1. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By its Principal Secretary to Government
Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department
Fort St. George, Chennai – 600 009.
 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Head of Forest Force, Velacherry Main Road
Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.
 3. The District Forest Officer
Dharmapuri Forest Division, Dharmapuri – 5
Dharmapuri District.
 4. The District Forest Officer / Wild Life Warden
Hosur Forest Division, Hosur
Krishnagiri District.
 5. The Assistant Conservator of Forest
Modern Nursery Forest Division
Dharmapuri, Dharmapuri District.
 6. Divisional Forest Officer
Social Forestry and Extension Division
Krishnagiri, Krishnagiri District.
- .. Petitioners

Vs.

1. M.Shanmugam
2. G.Dhanapal
3. M.Mallappa
4. C.Balaji
5. D.Munikrishnappa



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6. The Accountant General of Tamil Nadu

Office of the Accountant General

Anna Salai, Teynampet, Chennai – 18.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Section 5 of the Limitation Act, to condone the delay of 589 days in filing the writ appeal against the order dated 22.09.2023 made in W.P.No.22724 of 2023.

For the Petitioners : Mr.R.Neethiperumal
Government Advocate

For the Respondents : Mr.M.R.Jothimanian
for R1, R4 and R5

No Appearance for R2 and R3

Mr.T.Ravikumar
for R6

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by R.SURESH KUMAR, J.)

This petition is filed to condone the delay of 589 days in filing W.A.Sr.No.214166 of 2025.

2. Heard *Mr.R.Neethiperumal*, learned Government Advocate for the petitioners, *Mr.M.R.Jothimanian*, learned counsel for respondents 1, 4 and 5 and *Mr.T.Ravikumar*, learned counsel for respondent 6. Despite notice having been served on respondents 2 and 3 and the names and addresses having been shown in the cause list, none appears for respondents 2 and 3.



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3. The delay is 589 days. By virtue of this delay of 589 days, if prejudice certainly would have been caused to the respondents, it has to be compensated, therefore, if at all this petition is to be ordered, it could be ordered only on terms.

4. As a result of which, there shall be a direction to the petitioners to pay a sum of Rs.3,000/- [Rupees Three Thousand Only] as costs to respondents 1 to 5 through the respective learned counsel appearing for respondents 1 to 5 within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With this condition, the delay of 589 days in filing the writ appeal is condoned and accordingly, this petition is ordered.

(R.S.K., J.) (N.S., J.)
12.03.2026

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Panagal Maligai, Saidapet, Chennai – 15.
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Dharmapuri Forest Division, Dharmapuri – 5
Dharmapuri District.
4. The Wildlife Warden
(Formerly District Forest Officer) Hosur
Forest Division Hosur, Krishnagiri District.
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